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With gas prices climbing higher and higher you might consider carpooling to the 2013 Summer F.U.N. Convention in July. But wait... Forget the car pool lane. See if your club meets the criteria for financial aid to charter your very own club bus... Get On The Bus and leave the driving to us, we mean, someone else. Criteria on page 10.

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It was not an easy decision to sell our coin collection, which represented a lifetime of work to accumulate. We researched many dealers over the years and one really impressed us as having all the attributes we were looking for. Several phone calls later, Richard Nachbar personally flew to our home in Alaska. Three days later and his appraisal completed, we had a good idea of the value. A contract was signed and after another two days of shipping, Richard left us with a nice deposit and headed back to his office with our fully insured collection.

We had completed many popular U.S. series, but spent the last 15 years or so building out our date-mint sets of 20th Century Gold Coins. The \$2.50 and \$5 Indian sets were complete, and the beautiful \$10 Indians lacked only the 1933. The Saints were virtually complete from 1907-1928, and we acquired several Early Gold Coins by type. The highlight of our collection was certainly the set of \$3 Indians, complete for but the 1870-S (of course) and the 1875.

We had absolutely no qualms with releasing the coins to Richard, and within about three weeks, according to the terms of his contract with us, four more sizable payments arrived. He then sent many of the more valuable coins to auction, after having all of them first professionally graded by PCGS and NGC. Two months after his visit, we received the final very satisfying results, which were considerably more than we had expected. We feel that was due to Richard's reputation and integrity in the profession. One month after that, we received his final payment in full - two weeks ahead of schedule.

It was a very pleasant experience and we really appreciated his honesty and attention to detail. We highly recommend Richard Nachbar to any other collectors who decide to sell and want to receive top dollar for their coins. **He will take great care of you!**

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President's Message

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Summer FUN is on the way, July 11-13, 2013. The show will be in Hall C this year, right in the middle of the West Building of the Orange County Convention Center at 9800 International Drive. There will be shuttle buses running from the back parking lot to the front of the show. We should have over 200 dealer booths at the show along with five educational seminars, Dennis Boggs (Abe Lincoln) & David Chaltas (Robert E Lee), and the Piedmont Gold Panners. Bob Russell will have over 30 cases of exhibits and Tony Bonaro will once again have the Coins and Kids area and the Young Numismatists program and Scout seminar on Saturday.

Heritage Auctions will have the summer auction. It will draw big crowds. Wizard Supply will have all your coin supply needs. There is an Ancient & Foreign coin section as well as a Budget section for dealers with coins under \$1000. There will be specialty club meeting and all FUN member clubs can send two members to the FUN Coin Club Get Together on Friday at 1PM. Florida coin clubs should have their bus trip applications in by June 1st for Summer FUN.

Don't forget that Disney World, Universal Studios, and Sea World are just a few miles from the show. There are many fine restaurants up and down International Drive. If you need any help, ask a FUN Board member. We hope you have a great show at Summer FUN.

FUN will have tables at the Central States show in Schaumburg, IL, ANA National Money show in New Orleans, LA, and ANA World's Fair of Money in Chicago, IL. At all of these shows we will be selling tables for Summer & Winter FUN shows and promoting our organization.

We look forward to seeing you at Summer FUN and have a great summer.



Tony

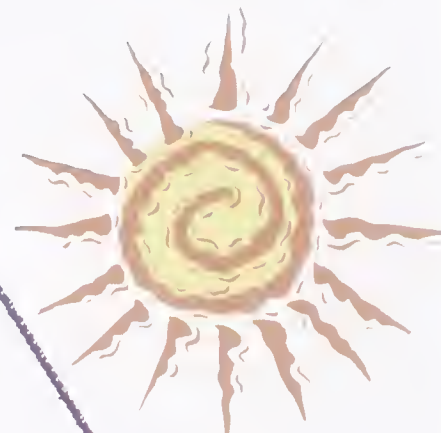
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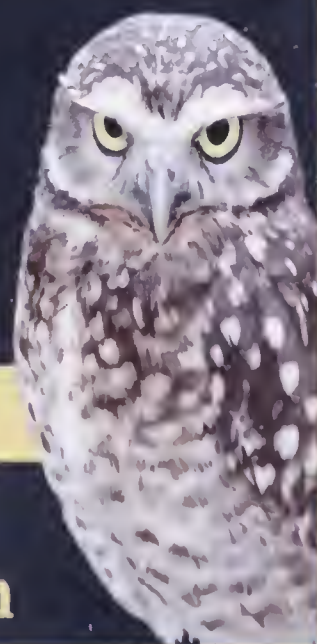
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Any individual member of FUN for at least one year and in good standing who is a legal resident of the state of Florida is eligible for the position of officer or board of directors.

Nominations may be either: (1) A letter of nomination signed by five (5) individual members in good standing, or (2) a letter of nomination from a FUN member club in good standing signed/attested by two (2) officers of the club.

Nominations must be received by the secretary, not later than August 1, 2013. A letter of notification of nomination will be sent to each nominee requesting their acceptance/refusal of the nomination by August 31, 2013. Nominees must return their acceptance/refusal to the secretary within 30 days of the date of the notice.

All positions standing for election are for a two (2) year term, beginning in January, 2014.

The following board members are currently serving the first of a two-year term, and are therefore **not standing for re-election** as board members: Ed Abbott, Jim Best, Nancy Casey, Bernie Ososky, Gary Overton and Cindy Wibker.

Nominees should be considered on the basis of their willingness to serve FUN, its members and clubs. Also, if elected, board members are expected to attend four to six meetings annually in various locations throughout the state, and to be active in the promotion of numismatics as a representative of FUN.

The following board members' terms expire in January, 2014: Tony Bonaro, Gary Braisted, Randy Campbell, Fred Lake, B.J. Neff, Bob Russell.

A sample nominating form is printed below for your convenience.

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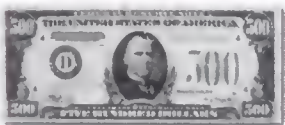
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Summer is rapidly approaching here in Florida. As is frequently the case, it seems we go directly from winter – such as it is here in God's country – directly to summer. Spring lasts about 2 days and if you take a long blink you might miss it. I'm not complaining because summer weather makes me think of Summer FUN and what a good time we'll all have!

As I'm typing this, I have very recently extended some invitations to special guests – some of our friends who regularly attend our January conventions, but haven't previously been invited to Summer FUN – like the wonderful folks who let you pan for gold and keep what you find. We'll also have our special Coins and Kids booth for the first time. On Friday there will be a meeting of representatives of FUN member clubs. The bottom line is that we're "beefing up" Summer FUN and adding more activities to help you enjoy your time with us.

In addition to the new things we're adding, we'll also have some of our regular attractions that are, in the words of Tina Turner, simply the BEST. Heritage is the best of the best when it comes to bringing in awesome auction consignments and producing catalogs. You can bid in person if you'll be in Orlando. If not, they'll accommodate you and accept your bids by a different means. Let them help you acquire the special items you want for your collection, and think of consigning to them when you're ready to sell your collection, also.

Summer FUN will have five educational programs on a variety of topics. You can also further your numismatic education by visiting our educational exhibits area inside the bourse floor area. It takes a tremendous amount of time to build an exhibit, so come support those who took the time to share their treasures with you. I promise you'll learn something in the process!

Bourse table sales are right on track for a 200+ table show. We have plenty of room to expand, so if you haven't secured your space, please do so as soon as possible. I will gladly accept applications until the show begins!

Details will be coming together very quickly in the next 6 weeks. The best way to get the latest information is to check our website regularly at www.funtopics.com. The dealer listing, schedule of events, and other specifics will be posted as soon as I have confirmations. In the meantime, book your hotel reservations and plan your travel arrangements so you can join us at Summer FUN in July!

Sincerely, Cindy

Club Bus Trip To The FUN Convention

The criteria:

- 1: Your club must have at least 20 passengers on the chartered bus.
- 2: When your bus is approaching the convention center, please call the designated FUN contact person via cell phone to announce your arrival so we can take a group photo of your club members. We will inform you via e-mail the name and phone number of the designated FUN contact person after your application is received.
- 3: FUN reimburses your club \$25/person, up to a maximum of 40 people (maximum of \$1,000.00) or the actual cost of the bus, whichever is less.
- 4: To receive your reimbursement, submit a copy of your invoice to the mailing address on the application after the show has concluded.
- 5: Download the club bus trip to the FUN Convention application for financial aid form from the FUN Topics website. Read the requirements carefully. Complete the application and return it by the deadline of June 1 for SummerFUN and December 1 for the FUN show in January. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Cindy Wibker.

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INTERSTATE COLLECTION OF SALES TAXES LOOMS AS A REAL THREAT

Marketplace Fairness Act of 2013 Would Affect All US Citizens

In the last issue of FUNtopics we predicted that a bill would be reintroduced in this Congress that would seek to grant states the power to force out-of-state vendors to collect and remit the states' sales/use taxes. On February 14, 2013, Sen. Enzi introduced bill S-336, the "Marketplace Fairness Act of 2013". A companion bill with the same name and identical language, H.R. 684, was introduced by Rep. Steve Womack of Arkansas on that same date.

If these bills are passed, all customers will find that their state's sales tax will automatically be added to their invoices when buying from out-of-state dealers since virtually all merchants will be required to do so.

Dealers will now be required to collect and remit the sales taxes, which means they will be filing state forms with each state. Depending on an individual state's requirements, the dealers may be required to file these forms as often as monthly or quarterly. Even though the states will be required to provide appropriate software to the dealers, that still is the potential for a lot of forms to be filed and payments made. [NOTE: As a reminder, while the dealers will be sending the money to the states, this is not a tax that the dealers pay. It is the sales/use tax that they are required to collect from the customers that they are forwarding on to the appropriate states.]

This collection of sales taxes across state lines is not limited to the rare coin and precious metals industry, but will apply to all consumer products that are subject to sales/use taxes. No longer will you be able to order merchandise from out-of-state without having your state sales tax automatically applied to your order.

You already know that when you make a purchase in your home state, any state and local sales tax is added to your order. But when you make a purchase from an out-of-state merchant, as long as that dealer has no physical presence in your state, he is not required to collect and remit your state's sales tax.

However, what many people don't realize is that although the dealer does not have the obligation to collect the tax, there is a "flip" side to the sales tax called the "use tax" that the purchaser is required to remit to the state (the rate in the state where the product was delivered.) This sales/use tax does not apply just to coins and precious metals, but most products that you might buy – a computer, clothing, office supplies, etc. It doesn't matter whether you make your purchase over the Internet, or by mail/catalog or phone order.

The states have long recognized their inability to collect this use tax from state residents and have tried (unsuccessfully) via US Supreme Court cases to achieve this power over out-of-state vendors. As a quick recap, in the 1967 Supreme Court case of National Bellas Hess vs Department of Revenue of the State of Illinois, the Court ruled that physical presence was the determining factor as to whether or not a merchant (in this case Bellas Hess) must collect a state's sales tax from its (Illinois) customers. Subsequently, in 1992, the US Supreme Court case of Quill vs North Dakota upheld that "physical presence" requirement. (The actual written decisions of these court cases are, of course, a lot more complicated than this – but essentially this physical presence test has been the "bright line rule".)

So, the states are very much aware that they are missing out on a large revenue stream. They're unable to collect it, so they want to have the out-of-state merchants act as their (unpaid) collection agents. The Marketplace Fairness Act of 2013 would provide the states with that power.

Note that these are not new taxes – this is merely a way for the states to essentially use out-of-state vendors to do their collection work for them. The large amount of business conducted over the Internet has highlighted this increase of lost revenue for the states. The states have now made significant headway into convincing Congress to grant them this power.

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ICTA Update

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Not only are customers impacted, but dealers will have to collect and remit these taxes and fill out the appropriate forms for each of the 45 states that levy a sales tax. One possible repercussion of the passage of this legislation could be that in order to avoid having to file with so many states, dealers may decide to refuse to do business in certain states where they just don't have enough customers to warrant going through the extra paperwork and potential state tax audits. (Yes, once the dealer is required to file sales taxes with each of the states, each one will have the ability to conduct a sales tax audit with that dealer. That's a lot of potential sales tax audit liability for the dealer.) If your state does not have an exemption on rare coins and precious metals, you may be among the first that could be impacted by such a business decision. Although there is a small business exception for businesses whose remote sales are less than \$1,000,000 in the preceding calendar year, because of the high dollar value of precious metals and rare coins, few coin dealers' gross volume in remote sales would fall below this million dollar threshold. (Loosely translated, "remote sales" occur when you sell to customers outside of your home state.)

However, while this is not good news for your other out-of-state purchases, currently 30 states do have some form of a sales tax exemption on rare coin and precious metals products. If you live in a state with an exemption, such as Florida, you may still be able to purchase your coins and precious metals free of sales taxes. While a number of the state exemptions do have a minimum transaction amount for the exemption to become effective, such as \$500 or \$1,000, many others have no such minimum. Certainly we are hopeful that the states with exemptions will keep them. But this does mean that if you're in a state that has an exemption, you need to be especially vigilant RIGHT NOW to make sure that no one in your state legislature is looking at your coin and precious metals exemption with an eye to repealing it. The odds are that your state legislature is in session now, so yes, I mean you need to be watching out immediately. ICTA has been recommending for some time now that dealers and collectors be very vigilant, even if it means hiring a lobbyist to monitor what's happening in your state legislature. We also recommend that you get to know who your state representatives are and be ready to contact them regarding keeping the exemption if necessary. Your relationships with your state representatives may become critical in keeping your coin and precious metals purchases free from sales and use taxes. If you live in a state that does not yet have a sales tax exemption, we strongly recommend that you try to pursue getting an exemption. Again, there are 30 states that have some form of an exemption, so it's not as though this is a new concept. It's not even difficult for legislators to understand that precious metals such as gold and silver are investment products that should not be subject to sales taxes. The fact that many of these products are acceptable investments for tax-advantaged IRAs strongly underscores that concept. If you have an interest in pursuing a state sales tax exemption for your state, ICTA has a number of documents to help you. Feel free to contact us for more information.

Please remember that this brief article is far from a technical or detailed analysis of the proposed law. For the specifics I recommend you read the actual bills which include more definitions and other elements. These bills are not very long and not difficult to read. I suggest you go to www.Thomas.loc.gov and follow the prompts to enter the bill numbers (either S 336 or HR 684.) The Senate and House bills have identical language.

These bills already have a number of cosponsors (as this is being written, there were 29 cosponsors on the Senate bill and 51 cosponsors on the House bill), and of course ICTA is monitoring them very carefully. We expect to have a sample letter for you to use to write your members of Congress as soon as we can craft an appropriate letter, depending on the status of the bills as they move – or hopefully don't move – through the congressional committees. Check the ICTA website (www.ICTAonline.org) periodically and click on the What's New tab and scroll down to see if a draft letter is posted yet.

Passage of the Marketplace Fairness Act of 2013 will mean a change in the way this country has done business for over 200 years. It will have an impact on virtually every consumer in this country. Please be prepared to contact your members of Congress on this very important issue. If you don't know who your members of Congress are, go to the ICTA website and under the What's New tab we have a list of helpful links where you will find the link to the Senate and the House for determining who your representatives are. It's quick and easy, and all you need to know is your own zip code. Don't wait until it's urgent – why not just get that information today while you're thinking about it.

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The Big Coins With Small Prices – Collecting the 2 Euros

by Mark Benvenuto



The year 2012 may be remembered by some as the year in which the Canadian cent went the way of the dodo bird. Others may think of it as the year in which the forces fighting for the production of paper US dollars and those fighting for US dollar coins went at it, and the paper money backers won. It might also be remembered as the 10th year of the Euro. That battle between paper and metal might even have a very different perspective if we compare it to the systems of our friends overseas who long ago rid themselves of small denomination currency. More specifically, it might be time to look at collecting Euros – or better yet, the big, bimetallic 2-Euro coins. Breaking them all down, we might have:

The Big Guys

An easy way to get into these rather large, bimetallic coins is to see if you can find one from every one of the original Euro-issuing countries, or at least the big nations within the zone. We're talking Germany and France as two examples of nations that produced a lot of Euros right from the get go. There are enough of them available to the collecting community that the cost in assembling a collection will never be a problem.

Perhaps disappointingly though, if you look at just the German 2-Euro coins, you quickly realize a person can assemble a date run of what might be considered some very boring looking coins. That's too bad, as the German eagle of the 2-Euro seems to be a pale, stylized companion to the many elaborate and beautiful eagles that graced the reverses of Imperial German coins from before the First World War.

But if German 2-Euros appear too staid for your tastes, take a gander at what the French produced. The design work here is beautiful, and a date run of French 2-Euro pieces would indeed be a beautiful collection. Likewise, the Austrian 2-Euro pieces have a design that appeals to the eye. And date runs of either of these take very little effort to assemble.



The Little Guys

This term can mean one of two things – either small countries, or small Euro mintages. In the case of small countries, one might consider the Netherlands or Belgium, both of which are geographically rather compact. But both have been pretty steady producers of Euros right from the get go. Like the big guys just mentioned, the costs involved in collecting these 2-Euro pieces are quite low. Another country that might qualify here is Luxembourg. While small in size, the Grand Duchy has been a pretty steady producer of Euros since the program started.

On the other hand, right when Euro coins were introduced in 2002, the truly minuscule countries like Monaco, San Marino, and Vatican City asked to be included in the new system, as their previous currencies and coinage systems were connected with those of France and Italy, respectively. They were granted status within the Euro zone, and started making the new coins. Not many, to be fair, and that brings us to the “small Euro mintages” idea. Some of these 2-Euros do cost a bit more, simply because of their scarcity. It's probably not fair to call such modern coins rare, but they are far less common than the 2-Euros that have been made to fill the channels of commerce.

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The Big Coins With Small Prices – Collecting the 2 Euros

by Mark Benvenuto

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In this category of scarce 2-Euros, one that we might use as the ultimate example is the Vatican “sede vacante” 2-Euro pieces. When a pope dies, there is a period of time when the College of Cardinals is convened, and the next pope is elected. In this brief interregnum – the “vacant seat” time – coins are still produced. But the time between John Paul II and Benedict XVI spanned only from 2 – 19 April 2005. That’s not much time to pound out 2-Euro pieces, and that in turn means these will cost a bit.

The PIIGS.

The almost rude acronym “PIIGS” stands for: Portugal, Ireland, Italy, Greece, and Spain. This grouping is a bit notorious, in that these are the nations that have been causing the fiscal unease throughout both Europe and the world over the past few years. Greece is a small enough nation that the rest of Europe didn’t worry too much about its debt – but all of them together are potentially a very serious problem. When it comes to their 2-Euro coins though, there are a couple of real beauties in there. The Greek and Italian pieces have classic ideas on them, rendered as beautiful designs that mean any collection a person makes will end up being quite attractive. Plus, the Greek design is the only one that uses a different alphabet to sound out the word “Euro.”

The Commemorative Designs

If all this wasn’t enough for anyone just entering the 2-Euro collecting field, there are the commemoratives. The rule in this case is that each nation can produce a single 2-Euro design for circulation that commemorates pretty much whatever they’d like (there are also silver and gold proofs, in higher denominations than 2-Euros, but these are made solely for the collector fraternity). Germany was one nation that went for this idea rather quickly, and started producing commemorative 2-Euros as early as 2006. Their commemoratives appear to have developed into a multi-year theme that honors some regional building or monument, with an occasional exception to that rule. Similarly, France has built an extensive 2-Euro commemorative program in the past ten years.

As we’ve seen, there are plenty of 2-Euro coins worth collecting – and there’s quite a few more countries and facets of this big program that we have not even mentioned. Just about anyone person could start with a type set, or start with one of the countries with which they have some personal connection, maybe through their family tree. And for the most part, such a collection can be built with very little outlay, as many of the 2-Euros still cost little more than their face value. Whatever the case though, and whatever the future holds for the Euro-zone, collecting these big, bimetallic pieces can be a venture into an entirely new area of numismatics – and can be a great deal of fun.

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Celebrating The 100th Anniversary of the Buffalo Nickel at the 2013 F.U.N. Show

By Erin Leigh



2013 marked the 100th Anniversary of the Buffalo Nickel. As many of you know by now, the theme for the FUN convention in January was "Buffalo and Hobos A Centennial Celebration".

Former Vice President Donna Moon acting as FUN's General Chairwoman designed the souvenirs distributed at the show (i.e. lapel pins, convention medals, the encased buffalo nickel giveaway, derby hats for FUN's Young Numismatists program and more). However, it was the artwork Donna provided to create the entranceway to this year's F.U.N. convention that was the biggest hit! Our special thanks to Mr. Ralph Winter of the Original Hobo Nickel Society (OHNS) for featuring our FUN Buffalo & Hobos entranceway on the cover of the Spring issue of Bo-Tales.

Working with Hobo Nickel artists from the Original Hobo Nickel Society, Donna was able to obtain some wonderful photographs of traditional hobo nickels. One of the large coins featured at the top of the entrance's signage and on the panels of the membership and registration booths was created by Hobo Nickel carver, Aleksey Saburov. Mr. Saburov is a master engraver from Russia who was incredibly surprised to find his work featured in such grand scale.

In fact, the prominent entryway, which proudly boasted a 1913 Buffalo Nickel and Saburov's Traditional Hobo Nickel faintly, depicted the era of the great depression in the background. There were Hobos riding the rails as well as photograph's of Chief Iron Tail one of the Native American Indians who posed for James Earle Fraser who designed and sculpted the coin.

The Buffalo nickel is extremely popular with collectors. The coin was produced from 1913 to 1938. It was not until the Great Depression progressed and Americans were struggling with economic collapse that the Hobo Nickel appeared and nickel carving became prevalent. The homeless often referred to as "Hobos" roamed across America looking for work and a better life.

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Celebrating The 100th Anniversary of the Buffalo Nickel

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"Hobos" began carving designs on the Buffalo Nickel creating a piece of folk art, and using their artistic numismatic treasures to pay for food and shelter. The carving tradition continues today. The Hobo Nickel Society is filled with talented carvers who continue to turn nickels into extraordinary pieces of art.

The 100th anniversary celebration brought many "firsts" to this division of numismatics. The Hobo Nickel Auction held at the F.U.N. Show garnered a record-breaking purchase of \$24,200.00 for a coin believed to have been carved by the late 1930's Hobo Nickel carver, George Washington "Bo" Hughes. The auction total was also a "record breaker" generating \$72,385.20 in total sales. The sale was open to only OHNS members.

There were (14) fourteen hobo nickel carvers in attendance at the F.U. N show and OHNS Auction. Two of which traveled from Spain to attend the event. Paolo "Mr. The" Curcio born in Italy moved to Spain in 2003. He discovered the art of hobo nickel carving by watching the Keith Pederson carving in the Steve Lindsey video chat online. As his love for nickel carving blossomed, he contacted OHNS President Archie "Rollie" Taylor to learn more about the craft.

Mr. Curcio is completely self-taught. He currently produces beautiful pieces of art and shares his carving techniques on his incredibly popular YouTube Channel. Paolo has introduced many of his friends in Spain to Hobo Nickel carving, sharing with them a piece of Americana. One of those "friends" is Hobo Nickel carver Pedro Villarrubia.

Pedro Villarrubia made the 4600 mile (12 hour) trek from Spain to the F.U.N. show with his pal Paolo Curcio. Much like his friend Paolo, Pedro discovered Hobo Nickel carving by visiting the American (internet) forums of Steve Lindsay. He started carving Hobo Nickels a year ago after receiving nickels from Paolo. Now, he and his wife Blanca de la Hoz both enjoy the hobby and have successfully sold their Hobo Nickels on EBay. Oh, the power of the internet, the World Wide Web, brings what was once a piece of American numismatic history to the world.

What I love about The Hobo Nickel Society is their dedication to the younger generation. Archie "Rollie" Taylor preaches the "Hobo way of life" which is all about sharing what you have with someone else. Clearly, all the carvers at the OHNS booth were happy to share their time and talent with F.U.N. show guests. However, they particularly focused in on the young numismatists at the show, sharing a hobo nickel and a Whitman Buffalo Nickel Coin Folder with each child that visited their booth.

Yes, the F.U.N. Show in January was a fabulous success. If you missed the spectacular Buffalo & Hoboes entranceway, do not worry because it will proudly stand at the 7th Annual Summer FUN Convention in Orlando Florida, July 11 - 13 2013. I hope to see you there!



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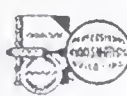


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24789	LERTCHITVIKUL, MICHAEL	CA
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24793	SCHMIDT, DAVE	IL
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J24796	SMITH, BRANDON	FL
24797	HAYES, JAMES	FL
24798	BASTABLE, CAROL	FL
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24801	JIRKA, BECKY	IL
24802	BUSSEY, JOHN	NE
24803	MALLEUS, DR. JERRY	CA
A24804	MALLEUS, EILEEN	CA
24805	TISDALE, CHARLIE	FL
24806	WHITE, ROB	FL
A24807	VARA, SANDRA	FL
24808	CROFTON, TIMOTHY	FL
24809	BRATCH, JODI	FL
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A24812	LOPES, TERRY I.	FL

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We are busy getting ready for the Summer F.U.N. Show coming up in July. As usual we will be having our Young Numismatists (YN) program on Saturday morning, July 13, 2010 starting at 9:30 A.M. We want to invite all of our YN's and ask them to bring a friend. Due to high demand from YN's and parents, once again, the theme for this YN activity will be "Abraham Lincoln". As such, we will have a program about Mr. Lincoln, games about Mr. Lincoln, and if all goes well, prizes all about Mr. Lincoln.

At 1:00 that afternoon we will also have a Boy Scout / Girl Scout merit badge class. Scouts should bring all there materials, pen and paper. We will have the prizes for all scouts who wish to attend. In addition we will also cover all of the requirements for the Girl Scout "Fun With Money" patch.

You can go to www.funtopics.com and learn about the activities that will be taking place at the Summer FUN Show.

Are you a member of a local coin club? If so, let me know what type of YN activities you participate in. I would like to hear from our YN's on the type of activities they would like to participate in during our FUN shows.

Do you have a Junior membership in the ANA. It is highly recommended, and it is highly rewarding. As a Junior member you can participate in a number of excellent programs for young collectors. The following is from the ANA site, (www.money.org) and is especially for you.

ANA Programs for Young Numismatists The ANA David R. Cervin Ancient Coin Project

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Questions about the project should be directed to education@money.org.

YN Trivia Question of the Quarter

As of April 23, 2013, no one has sent an answer for the Spring trivia question. So I will offer a new trivia question for this issue.

Here is our next Trivia Question:

Circulating coins have past Presidents on the obverse. However, commemorative coins have many people who were instrumental in the history of the United States. Send me the occasion of the commemorative coin and the date of the coin that honored the following people.

Jackie Robinson	Louis Braille	John Marshall	Robert F. Kennedy	Thomas Edison	Robert E Lee
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Send the correct answer to me t.bonaro@xorail.com by July 31, 2013.
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August 18

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August 23-25

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Central Florida Coin Club's Fall Coin & Money Show. Central Florida Fairgrounds, Hall C. 4603 W. Colonial Dr. Orlando, FL. Contact: Donna Moon PO Box 568061, Orlando, FL 32856. PH: 407-657-6440 email: cfccbourse@hotmail.com

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October 25-26

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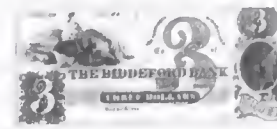
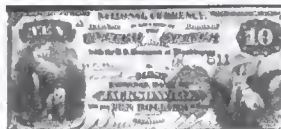
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Customer of the Week

By Tony Swicer, FUN President

300. A phone call, “Are you open today, I thought that you were only open on Mondays?”. Why would a shop only be open on Monday?

301. A phone call, “I have a 3-legged buffalo nickel”. I said to bring it in, I would love to see it. She comes in and it has 4 legs. “Well I didn’t have my glasses on so I couldn’t see the 4th leg”.

302. “Do you have electric shavers?”, “No, we are a coin shop”. On the phone, “Do you buy furniture?” , Once again, “No, we are a coin shop”

303. A customer comes in to buy bullion. He said that he just moved into our county from another county and the dealers down there don’t charge him sales tax. We said, “Sir, state law says if you buy under \$500, you pay sales tax”. He says, “Well I guess I can’t deal with you”. We said, “Well I guess you can’t”. We then mentioned that US coins (silver eagles) are exempt from sales tax. He then said, “I would like to build a long term relationship with you”. We said, “OK, how many do you want?” He said, “TWO”.

304. A customer comes in with a roll of silver eagles for sale. He is trying to keep them from toning, so he put each one in tissue, only speeding up the toning process. The tissue has sulfur in it, toning the coins.

305. Another customer says, “My accountant told me I don’t have to claim anything under a million dollars”. (What will the accountant say when the customer goes to jail for tax evasion?)

306. A customer calls, “I have a dime from 1865 and its in nice shape”. “Well you know, the better the condition, the more it is worth”. “Let me go get it”. “It has three l’s on the back”. “Sir, you have a nickel 3 cent piece, not a dime”.

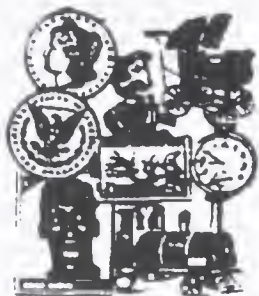
307. A customer comes in with some 90% silver coins and his prized possession, a 1970-D Kennedy Half Dollar. The half is in a 2X2 and is encrusted with green, gray, and white crystals all over it. I said, “It has environmental damage” He says, “What’s that”. I said, “You know, something is growing all over it”. He does not have a clue about condition.

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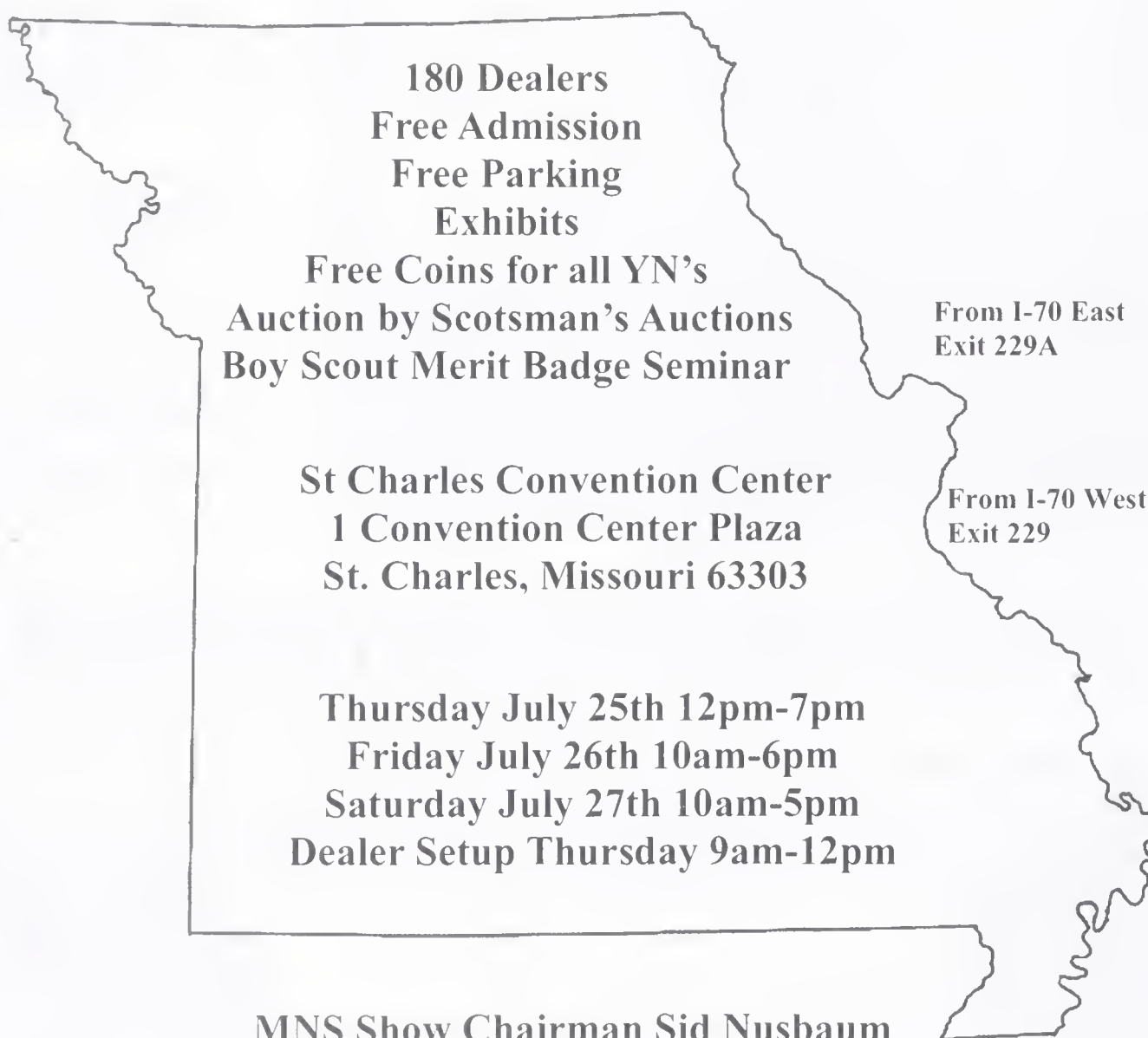
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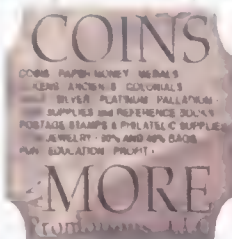
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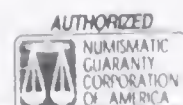
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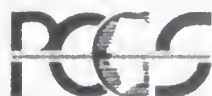
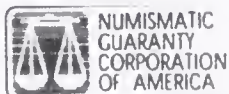
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Who's Minding the Mintmark? The "No Mint Mark " Modern United States Rarities 1968-1990

by Steven Bieda



Preface

This article examines seven different modern United States circulation issues, consisting of six proof coins and one circulating issue that were struck from dies missing either an "S" mintmark for the proof issues, or a "P" mintmark for the Philadelphia circulation strikes.

Introduction

Since 1968 all examples of United States circulating coinage struck in proof quality have been produced at the San Francisco Mint and are appropriately designated with a small "S" mintmark for the San Francisco Mint. Thus, since 1968 an "S" mintmark, for San Francisco has appeared on all the annual proof sets.ⁱ As for circulation coinage, prior to 1980, only coins emanating from one of the branch mints, in recent history being the Denver and San Francisco Mints, sported a mintmark. The only exception to this was the so-called "War Nickels" issued from 1942-1945 that sported large "P, D, and S" mintmarks above the dome of Monticello designating the special silver composition necessitated by the shortage of critical nickel needed for the War effort.

For coinage produced at the Philadelphia Mint, starting in 1979 on the SBA Dollar, and in 1980 on coinage denominations of Five Cent, One Dime, Quarter Dollar and Half Dollar, a "P" mintmark was added to the coin dies of those denominations.

Thus, since 1980 all United States coins issued for circulation, with the exception of the One Cent coin, have sported the mint mark of the facility "D" for Denver, "P" for Philadelphia, and on the Susan B. Anthony Dollars, "S" for San Francisco.

At least that has been how it was supposed to be. There were a few rare instances, however, that the mint-marks were unintentionally left off the coin dies, resulting in some very desirable rarities. This article will examine four proof Dimes, one proof Five Cent, one proof One Cent, and one circulating Dime, that were unintentionally issued without the mintmark.

In August 2011, numismatic history was made when Stack's Bowers Galleries auctioned off a modern rarity: an example of the 1975 no-mintmark Roosevelt proof dime. This auction marked the first auction appearance of this particular coin, one of only two known. The coin, graded Proof-68 by PCGS brought \$349,600. This particular example, the only one certified and graded by a third party grading service, is one of only two known examples of this coin, and is the second one to have been "discovered." The 1975 no-mintmark Roosevelt proof dime is but one of five dates that Roosevelt Dimes were issued mistakenly sans mintmark, and while all five bring healthy premiums, the 1975 no-mintmark Dime is clearly the rarest.

The Roosevelt Dime was first issued on January 30, 1946,ⁱⁱ following the April 1945 death of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, President from 1933 to his death just prior to the end of World War II. Although most collectors today probably don't realize it, but the denomination was chosen partly because both the Quarter Dollar and Five Cent denominations had recently been changed Washington Quarter (1932) and Jefferson Five Cent (1938) and neither were eligible for the statutory 25 year change without Congressional action. The Dime was a natural choice, the "winged liberty head" or more popularly referred to Mercury Dime had first been issued in 1916. The dime was chosen to honor Roosevelt partly due to his efforts in the founding of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis (later renamed the March of Dimes), which originally raised funds for polio research and to assist victims of the polio and their families. Fundraising originally urged the public to send in a Dime to the Foundation, and by Roosevelt's death, the Foundation was already popularly known as the "March of Dimes."

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The Roosevelt Dime was designed by John Sinnock, Chief Engraver of the United States Mint. The coin was originally composed of 90 percent silver until 1965, when the composition was changed to copper nickel. Since 1968, the mint mark (when one was present) appeared over the date on the obverse.

Although there are some key dates in the series, the real rarities involve five coins in which the mintmark was inadvertently left off. Four of these coins, those of 1968, 1970, 1975 and 1983 were only issued in United States Proof sets. One, issued in 1982, was actually issued and released into circulation, in contrast to the collector oriented proof sets issued yearly by the United States Mint.

The 1968 No-Mintmark Proof Dime

In 1968, the United States resumed, after a three year hiatus, the production of proof sets for sale to collectors. These sets marked a number of firsts; unlike proof sets previously issued by the mint, the sets were the first to contain the 40 percent silver Half Dollar, along with the copper-nickel clad Quarter Dollar and Dime in proof manufacture. The sets also marked another first; the 1968 sets were the first sets to contain coins that were struck at the San Francisco Mint rather than the Philadelphia Mint which until 1968 had traditionally struck the proof coins. In addition, the 1968 Five Cent, Dime, Quarter and Half Dollar were the first coins of their type to have the mintmark on the obverse rather than the reverse as had previously been the practice. Thus, all five coins in the set (Cent, Five Cent, Dime, Quarter, and Half Dollar) had the familiar "S" mintmark on the obverse side of the coin. Collectors gobbled the sets up when issued by the mint. The original issue price was \$5.00, with a limit of five sets per customer. The Mint produced and sold 3,041,506 sets, each packaged in a hard plastic case similar to that issued today.

Some lucky collectors noted an anomaly in their proof sets: on some, the mint-mark, which was supposed to be at the truncation of Roosevelt's neck, was missing. No mintage estimates for the 1968 No-Mintmark proof Dime have been published in The Guide Book of United States Coins (aka Redbook).

The 2012 edition of the Redbook values a 1968 proof set with a No-Mintmark Dime in "average unspotted condition" at \$16,000. At the time of this writing, there are 24 certified examples of this coin. In September 2006, a PCGS example, certified as Proof-68 Cameo, sold for \$48,865. It should be noted that cameo proof coins for most proof coins issued from the early 1970s and back are not as common as proof coins purchased from the United States Mint today. Whereas proof coins produced by the United States Mint uniformly exhibit cameo surfaces, earlier proof coins did not always exhibit frosted or cameo devices.



The 1970 No-Mintmark Proof Dime

In 1970, the Mint sold 2,632,810 of the five coin proof set at a \$5.00 issue price. Like all proof sets produced since 1968, the coins were struck at the San Francisco Mint and bore the "S" mintmark. For some lucky individuals that bought proof sets that year, it was, as Yogi Berra once said "Deja Vu all over again," when it was discovered that a small quantity of sets contained a Dime without the "S" mint-

mark below the portrait of FDR. The Guide Book of United States Coins (aka Red Book) estimates that 2,200 no-mintmark proof Dimes escaped the attention of Mint quality control.

Between the two major grading services, PCGS and NGC, 234 specimens of the 1970 No-Mintmark Dime are reported to be certified, with the bulk of these coins certified by PCGS (197).

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Some of the more recent listings for the 1970 No-Mintmark proof coin appear to be in \$800-1000 range.



The 1971 No-Mintmark Proof Five Cent Coin

After collectors who purchased the 1970 proof set had scrambled to find the no-mint mark proof Dime, 1971 some lucky collectors hit it big with the Five Cent coin. The 1971 proof sets, originally offered at \$5.00 postpaid, contained five coins. It was the first United States proof set that contained absolutely no silver coinage, and was the first year of production of the cupro-nickel clad Half Dollar. Although

the Eisenhower Dollar was also released that year, the Eisenhower Dollar was not added to regular proof sets until 1973. Nonetheless, production saw 3,220,733 1971 proof sets sold. Not long after the sets were released, some lucky collectors reported the "S-less" Five Cent pieces. The Guide Book of United States Coins estimates that 1,655 examples escaped the Mint.



The 1975 No-Mintmark Proof Dime

In 1975 collectors who ordered from the United States Mint had three new coins to look forward to: the inclusion of the special reverse designs for the United States Bicentennial Quarter, Half and Dollar coins. The 1975 set, issued at \$7.00 and limited to five per customer, also drew attention as the first year in which the "S" mintmark no

longer appeared on the circulation quality One Cent coins. Once it became known that the 1975 set was the only source of "S" mintmark One Cent coins, the resulting publicity and perceived scarcity caused a speculative boom, with a resulting speculation resulting in the set selling on the secondary market in the \$30.00 dollar range before prices dropped.

The United States Mint sold 2,845,450 of the six coin sets. It wasn't until July 1977, that an example of a sealed 1975 Proof set with a no-mintmark dime was examined by Coin World's "Collectors' Clearinghouse." ANACS would authenticate the Coin World example and another 1975 no-mintmark proof Roosevelt in 1978. Although not known at the time, both sets initially belonged to the same collector, who lived near the San Francisco Mint. Although Coin World Clearinghouse staff expressed some doubt that the 1975 dime was a fully proof example, ANACS (at that time the ANA Certification Service) authenticated both examples separately several months apart in 1978.

After that, the coins seemed to disappear, or as William Gibbs of Coin World described it "For more than three decades, the Proof 1975-S Roosevelt, No S dime became virtually an urban myth, with some hobbyists, beyond the handful of Coin World and ANACS staff members who had examined one or both pieces in person, doubting its existence."

In 2011, both coins reappeared. The first one to reappear was consigned by its owner to Stack's Bowers Galleries 2011 American Numismatic Association's World's Fair of Money auction. This specimen, certified Proof-68 by PCGS, ultimately realized \$349,600 in August, 2011. Pre-auction publicity surrounding the first ever auction of this modern rarity resulted in the owner of the second example contacting Coin World and offering proof of ownership of the second known specimen.

The reappearance of both coins after so many years provided news stories as to what had happened to the coins during the intervening years. After ANACS authenticated the coins in 1978, both proof sets containing the No-S dimes were sold to Indiana coin dealer Fred J. Vollmer in separate transactions in the same year. The coin initially sent to Collector's Clearinghouse in 1977 was sold to an Ohio collector in 1978 for \$18,200, with the collector paying for the set on an installment plan. ⁱⁱⁱ The coin that would eventually be the first to be sold at public auction in 2011, was initially sold by Fred J. Vollmer for \$38,550. ^{iv}

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The interesting thing about the 1975 No-S proof Roosevelt dime is that only two have ever been discovered. Do other examples exist? Well, it wouldn't hurt to check your 1975 United States proof sets.



The 1982 Circulation Strike No-Mintmark Dime

In 1982, an error of omission resulted in the rarest circulating dime in the history of the Roosevelt Dime series since 1946.

In 1980, the United States Mint started adding the "P" mintmark, designating the Philadelphia Mint, to dies of all circulating denominations with the exception of the One Cent coin. The "P" mint mark had made its debut the year before, with the release of the Susan B. Anthony Dollar in 1979. Beginning, in 1980, mint marks would appear on the Five Cent, One Dime, Quarter Dollar and Half Dollar denominations as well. At the time, the mintmarks were individually punched onto each working die. Collectors examining coins struck before this time will no doubt notice slight variations in location and even size of some of the mintmarks. This policy change resulted, in 1982, with the accidental production, release, and fortuitous discovery of a "no-mintmark" variety of the 1982 Roosevelt Dime. The lowest mintage United States Dime of the 20th Century and the key coin for the Roosevelt Dime series.

The coins were first discovered, and were largely believed to be released into circulation, in Sandusky, Ohio. The coins circulated for nearly a year before their August 1982 discovery by a lady who was looking for a 1982-D dime for her own collection. She was able to collect 150 of the no-mintmark pieces from the Citizens Bank of Sandusky, Ohio. She eventually sold three of the dimes for \$30 each to coin dealers at a local show in Norwalk, Ohio. The individual dealers who bought the coins from her began to flood the Citizens Bank of Sandusky with requests for dimes to examine. The chase was on!

Sandusky, Ohio is the home of this popular Summer destination. With a history dating back to 1870, the classic amusement park/resort on the shore of Lake Erie is the second oldest amusement park in North America.

In March or April of 1982 the amusement park requested its seasonal allotment of coins through Citizens Bank. The bank ordered the coinage from the Federal Reserve Bank in Cleveland. As it turned out, the vast majority of the 1982 No Mint Mark dimes were contained in this order. Other dimes were found in smaller quantities elsewhere in the country, in particular, a second supply of the coins in Pittsburg. The Pittsburg specimens are characterized by a flat strike. Experts theorize that only one set of dies produced the No Mint Mark dime, with the pressure being raised somewhere during the production cycle, resulting in a sharper strike.

All of the 1982 no-mintmark coins discovered were those that were released into normal banking channels; unlike today the Mint did not sell rolls of uncirculated coins, and in 1982 the Mint did not produce the annual collector mint sets.

How did this variety come around? This is an intriguing question, but actually quite easy to answer. At the time, all dies for striking coins were made at the Philadelphia Mint. The mint marks were added later, being punched individually into each die once they arrived or were put into production at either the Denver, San Francisco or the Philadelphia Mint. On the die that struck the No Mint Mark dime, someone forgot to punch the die with the mintmark! But that is not all that happened. After a mintmark is punched into the die, as many as 14 people along the trail of the manufacturing process and use of the die failed to spot the absent mint mark. Based on the evidence of its appearance from coinage ordered through the Federal Reserve Bank in Cleveland, it was determined that the coins were produced in Philadelphia.

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After the discovery of the 1982 No Mint Mark dime, the prices initially jumped from a ten cent investment to about \$30, soon jumping to higher as the relative scarcity of the new variety was discovered, eventually leveling to around \$300. All the third-party professional grading services grade and encapsulate the 1982 No-Mintmark Dime, and both NGC and PCGS differentiate between the "strong strike" and "weak strike" varieties. NGC offers an additional designation that of "Full Torch" to the "Strong Strike" variety. The reader is recommended to check the population reports of both services for the most up-to-date population reports.

Today, specimens of the 1982 No-Mintmark dime are generally easy to find in dealer stocks and on INTERNET auctions sites such as eBay. As unscrupulous individuals can remove the mintmark, I would recommend sticking to coins that have been certified by one of the third-party grading services. Of course, even almost 30 years after their issuance, it is not entirely outside the realm of reason to check one's pocket change for that odd example that somehow managed to elude collectors, although finding one would be a very rare occurrence. But - it doesn't hurt to look!

It is estimated that 10,000 of the No Mint Mark dime was struck. This makes the 1982 No Mint Mark dime the scarcest coin struck for circulation in the twentieth century, and a key coin in the Roosevelt dime series. The only rarer Roosevelt dimes were the no mint-mark Roosevelt Dimes that have been found in the 1968, 1970, 1975 and 1983 proof sets. ^v

The 1982 No Mint Mark Dime is listed in the Guidebook of United States Coins (aka the Redbook), and most Roosevelt Dime collectors choose to include it in a complete collection of Roosevelt Dimes, although some view to it as an error coin and choose to omit it. Since the Roosevelt Dime series, especially in the clad composition is not as avidly collected by more seasoned collectors, perhaps this omission is understandable, especially to the average neophyte collector filling a Whitman coin holder. The 1982 no-mintmark dime, however, has more credibility as a variety then say, the 1922 plain Lincoln Cent (no Philadelphia issues that year) that was a result of a grease-filled die, or the equally questionable 1937 Three-Legged Buffalo Five Cent piece, also the result of (abrasion or polish) and appropriately belongs in a complete collection of Roosevelt Dimes.

Considering that 30 years have passed since its issuance, it is believed that most of the specimens have been discovered and that there are no large hoards of the coins. Despite its relative rarity, the coin, perhaps because of its diminutive size, non-precious medal composition, and relatively common appearance, has not generated the type of intense collector interest for a coin of its scarcity. Perhaps interest in this scarce issue will change with time. In the meantime, the no-mintmark 1982 Dime has a unique place in the series as the lowest mintage Roosevelt Dime issued for circulation, and the lowest mintage dime released for circulation in the 20th Century.



The 1983 No-Mintmark Proof Dime

In 1983, the United States Mint sold the five coin (One Cent, Five Cent, One Dime, Quarter and Half) proof set for \$11.00 each, with 3,138,765 sold. ^{vi}

Soon after delivery of the sets commenced, some collectors were pleasantly surprised to discover that their sets contained an example of a non-mintmark proof Roosevelt dime. Although the Redbook doesn't list estimated mintage figures, some have estimated the mintage on this coin at the life of a proof die, which at the time was 3,000 to 3,500 coins. The two major grading services report a total certified population of 242 coins, (PCGS 166).

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Applying Common Sense and Experience to the "Pop" Reports

By Michael S. Fey, Ph.D.

There is little doubt that the numismatic grading services have brought us an important statistical and analytical tool in the study of populations of coins. The Population Reports, or "Pops" as they have been called, can be a critical source of information about the "supply" of any given coin type, date, mint mark, variety and grade. Since the numismatic value of any coin is largely determined by "supply" and "demand", understanding the "relative rarity" of pops of coins can give us insights into which coins are likely to rise or fall in price in the future.

To illustrate, if we assume the pop of coin x in MS 63 is a constant number, and if demand stays the same over the years, then the price of that coin should stay about the same. However, it gets a bit more complicated when considering changes in the coin's bullion value, or changes in the purchasing power of your money caused by inflation or deflation.

It's important to note that valuable coins have been "cracked-out" of their certified holders and resubmitted to the same service, or crossed-over to other services in the hopes of getting a higher grade, and consequently a higher price. Thus, we can assume that the pops of any given coins are skewed in an upwardly direction. A more accurate picture of a coin's pop can be obtained when combining the pop reports of different grading services.



We can best look at the pops of any given coin by studying the "relative rarity" of different coins of the same type. For example, we might find that a key date Seated coin has an overall pop of 100, which may be 10 times rarer than the next better date in the series with a pop of 1000. And, it's pop in Mint State may be 50 times rarer than the next date or perhaps 1000 times rarer in MS65.

While studying the combined pop reports can be a good way to measure the certified "supply" of any given coin, I would urge the use of caution, common sense, and experience in coming to any conclusions.

If you are analyzing the population of a rare coin, say an 1874-CC dime, chances are good that a large quantity of them won't show up. Indeed, you can analyze the pops of any coin over a period of years to estimate the "relative momentum" or increase in the pop of that coin each year.

Estimating "supply" by pop analysis gets far less accurate when you are looking at more common coin types or modern coins. From experience, I can

advise that there are large populations of raw Morgan and Peace silver dollars still in collector's hands. The same is true for Lincoln cents, especially from the 1930's to date. There are BU rolls of Washington quarters, Jefferson nickels, later date Buffalo nickels, Mercury dimes and Walking Liberty halves, Roosevelt dimes, Franklin and Kennedy halves, Ikes, SBA's, modern proofs and American Silver and Gold Eagles. You should expect that many more of these types of coins will show up in even the highest of certified grades. Unless demand for these coins increase, future prices are likely to fall.

Knowledge is King!



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REMINDER- if your club is going to have a bus trip to Summer FUN, make sure you get your bus trip application in to Cindy Wibker by June 1st deadline.

We will have a Coin Club Get Together at Summer FUN on Friday July 12th at 1PM. We will have a lunch buffet, door prizes, and exchange ideas for coin clubs. FUN's web master, Alan Workman will be there to update your club information. RSVP to Swicer@comcast.net, two members per club. All FUN member clubs are invited.

Brandon Coin Club- had 55 in attendance at their last meeting. Club member Larry Cohen won the club essay contest and will receive a scholarship to the ANA Summer Seminar. Bill Jones gave a presentation on "The History of \$20 Gold Pieces".

Casselberry Coin Club- had Bob French speak on "Mercury Dimes". Bob has a complete set of Mercury Dimes and stories to go with them. The club had an all silver raffle, a silver eagle attendance prize, and an auction.

Central Florida Coin Club- spring show was April 5-7th and was a sell out. Club President Bob Russell was presented with a plaque for his years of service to the club. They had a cook out April 14th, with burgers, sausages, egg rolls, rice, etc.

Daytona Coin Club- had Cindy Wibker speak on, "The Basics of Exonumia", tokens, medals, etc. David Strckikowski spoke on "Mystery of the 1928 \$10 Bill". Bob Hawes exhibited early Washington tokens from the late 1700's.

Ft. Lauderdale Coin Club- had their club picnic April 6th from 9AM -3PM with games and prizes. Ron Plask spoke on "Large Size Currency, 1880 to 1923". Stan Klein spoke on "The History of the Thaler".

Ft. Walton Beach Coin Club- web site is up and running, check it out at <http://www.fortwaltonbeachcoinclub.com> They had 69 at their last meeting and the program was "Scarce American Gold Coins".

Gold Coast Coin Club- went over "Detecting Counterfeit US Coins, Part 2", along with a DVD. They also studied "US Mint Errors & Varieties".

Greater Jacksonville Coin Club- had a "Mini-Bourse" and ANACS accepted coins for grading. The YN meeting featured the Buffalo nickel.

North Lake Coin & Currency Club- had Robert Haire of Masters Numismatic Services speak on "Grading Coins".

Ocala Coin Club- had Tom Palmer speak on "The History of Morgan Dollars".

Palm Beach Coin Club- had a "Free Food Night" with Pizza, subs, and Chick-fil-A nugget platters. Estate auction #21 consisting of 185 lots was also that night. The club presented Ed Polyanhek with a life membership and certificate in March, after he paid yearly dues for 52 years. The Red Books came in and were sold to club members at \$8 & \$9 each. Marianne Musella was in charge of the National Coin Week celebration with a treasure chest for students, talks about Hobo Nickels, Teddy Roosevelt, Indian Head & Buffalo nickels, and a poster session by student members, followed by cake and refreshments.

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Tallahassee Numismatic Club- is welcome as a new member of FUN. They meet the 4th Tuesday of every month at the Galleries of Grace Estate Buyers in the Governors Square Mall. Contact Hemanth Vasanthaiah at Hemanth.vasanthaiah@gmail.com

Tampa Bay Coin Club- had Jerry Puigdomenech speak on "The First US Mint at Philadelphia".

Titusville Coin Club- had a report on the Foreign Coin Challenge by the YN's, followed by the all silver raffle, pizza, and auction.

Treasure Coast Coin Club- had a program by OJ Jones, "Investing in Gold & Silver". He told the club the ins and outs of investing. Bob Whalen promoted National Coin Week with a trivia contest at his elementary school in Vero Beach.

Venice Coin Club- had 27 members at their last meeting. Bart Bartanowicz and Neal Burnett spoke on "Grading Washington Quarters".

West Hernando Coin Club- had Brian Vaile co-author of Collectible IKE Varieties, Facts, Photos, and Theories, speak on IKE Varieties and his book.

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Who's Minding the Mintmark? The "No Mint Mark "

Modern United States Rarities 1968-1990

by Steven Bieda

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The highest auction price I found for this coin was \$1,840 for a PCGS Proof-69 Deep Cameo. Most seem to trade around the \$1000-1300 level. Although I was buying coins from the United States Mint issues at the time, I was not among the fortunate individuals to obtain one of these rare pieces when I bought my 1983 proof sets. Ironically, a co-worker at my summer job that year bought five sets after I provided the United States Mint contact information to him. He was the lucky recipient of five No-Mintmark 1983 proof sets!

The 1983 No-Mintmark proof Dime is the only proof issue that doesn't have a common circulation counterpart, because in 1983 all Dimes were supposed to sport either a P, D, or S Mintmark. In the case of the 1968, 1970 and 1975 Roosevelt Dimes, uncirculated coins without the mintmark are plentiful, since it wasn't until 1980 that the "P" mintmark was added to all denominations with the exception of the One Cent coin. Also, unlike the 1968, 1970 and 1975 examples, the 1983 No-Mintmark proof coins all sport a cameo appearance, something that wasn't always uniformly encountered on earlier United States proof coins.



The 1990 No-Mintmark Proof One Cent Coin

In 1990, the last coin in the accidental omission of mint mark category was issued as part of both regular and prestige proof sets struck and sold that year. Unlike the previous specimens in this elite group, this was the first time the One Cent denomination was involved. All examples of the 1990 "No-S" Proof One Cent have a cameo appearance.

Although all circulation quality One Cent coinage minted at the Philadelphia Mint does not sport a mintmark, since 1968 the proof coinage struck at the San Francisco Mint was supposed to have the customary "S" mintmark. The last time the "S" mintmark was used for circulating One Cent coins was in 1974. Like previous lucky purchasers of the United States proof sets who bought sets only to find a relatively "rare" no mintmark coin included, some purchasers of the 1990 proof set were quite fortunate to have found one of these coins. The first example was in a set reported by Jim Cullen of New York on July 19, 1990. It was first published in the August 7, 1990 edition of Numismatic News. The late Alan Herbert had examined there examples and estimated that they would eventually reach a five figure population level. The United States Mint, in a statement on July 27, 1990, said that a Philadelphia die was accidentally shipped to San Francisco with a group of S mintmark dies. According to the Mint, an estimated 3,700 No "S" Proof Lincolns were struck, as that is the average life of proof dies. The Mint also announced that 145 set not yet shipped were discovered lacking the mintmark. All were subsequently destroyed.

This coin appears to be much rarer than the 1990 Mint estimate however, Wexler and Flynn in their 1996 book, *The Authoritative Reference on Lincoln Cents* estimate that there were about 250 known examples.

Conclusion

The accidental omission of the almost minuscule mintmark on a relatively small number of certain issues of the One Cent, Five Cent and One Dime denominations of United States has resulted in otherwise unremarkable coins becoming highly sought after and expensive.

Perhaps the mantra of this seven coin set should be, check for your mintmarks. The six proof coins, from the 1968, 1970, 1971, 1975, 1983 and 1990 United States Proof sets, as well as the No-Mintmark 1982 Roosevelt Dime released into circulation in 1982, represent a unique and highly collectable mini-series of United States coinage inadvertently struck without the mintmark.

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i There have also been the usage of the "P" for Philadelphia and "W" for West Pointe, for American Eagle Silver and Gold coins, as well as several proof commemoratives. But the "S" mintmark has been used exclusively for the annual proof examples of United States circulating coinage.

ii January 30, 1946 would have been FDR's 64th Birthday.

iii Adjusting for inflation, the \$18,200 in 1977 would be comparable to \$64,236.04 in 2011 assuming an annual inflation rate of 3.90 percent.

iv Adjusted for inflation, this translates into \$136,060.39 in 2011. www.dollartimes.com as of December 26, 2011.

v In addition to the No-Mintmark proof Dimes, in 1971 some United States proof sets contained a Five Cent coin that lacked an "S" mintmark, and in 1990, some United States Proof sets contained a One Cent coin lacking an "S" mintmark. These are the only two times these denominations had the mintmark unintentionally left off the proof coins.

vi The United States Mint also sold 140,361 Prestige Proof sets, each set containing the five circulation coins in proof, along with a proof 1983 Olympic Dollar. The No-S Proof Dime was not found in any of these special sets.

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“Good Things Come To Those Who Wait”

By Robert (BJ) Neff, NLG

The above proverb best describes the events that unfolded for a recent find which is causing a large stir in the error / variety community of numismatics.

The story begins in August of 2000 when Fred Weinberg, one of the nation's largest error coin dealers, received an e-mail from a customer claiming that he had a die cap Morgan dollar coin and would he be interested in buying it. Weinberg asked the person to send scans of the coin so that he could verify this rather unique error. The awaited scans never came and Weinberg figured that it was either a made up story or that the coin in question was not a Morgan, but something similar in nature. However, that was not the end to the story!

Weinberg was again contacted by the same person in 2004, who stated that he “was interested in buying some property” and would Weinberg be again interested in buying the same Morgan dollar coin previously discussed. Weinberg replied once more saying “certainly, please e-mail me the scans and we would go from there”. There was no reply or scans sent, so the coin was forgotten about.

We now jump forward to March of 2013 and some house cleaning being conducted by Weinberg's assistant. As she was going through old correspondence files to shred, she found the series of e-mails concerning the Morgan dollar coin that had sent back and forth since the year 2000. She commented with a “wow, this is old – do you want to try to contact him again?” Weinberg thought about it and might have said “no” in another situation, but because of what the supposed coin was, he said “Oh well, let's try him again”.

Weinberg sent another e-mail to the person and received a reply the same day saying that “he still had the coin”. Further e-mails revealed that his father had obtained the coin in the early 1960's, but the how/why/where the coin had been gotten by his father remained an unanswered mystery. Again, Weinberg asked for scans of the coin. This time there was very little wait.

Two days later, the scans were e-mailed to Weinberg, who quaintly commented “that I just about fell off my chair” when I received the scans and saw what it was. The coin was a new discovery which had never been seen or heard of before; a 1903 Morgan dollar die cap, only the second to be known in existence. The only other example was an 1886 Morgan dollar with a similar error type.



Shown are the obverse and reverse of the 1903 Morgan dollar.

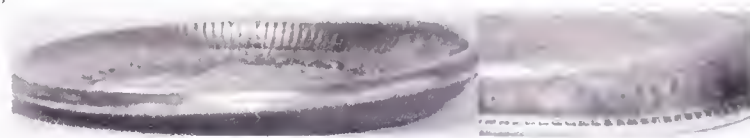
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The images to the right show the side view of the 1903 Morgan dollar.



Weinberg did purchase the coin for an undisclosed amount, but that is not the end to this story of this rather unique error. Was this 1903 Morgan dollar a die cap or something else?

Mike Diamond, the lead expert in error coins in the United States and author of “Collector’s Clearinghouse” for Coin World commented that “It’s a great looking error, but I wouldn’t characterize it as a die cap. Instead it appears to be a cupped broadstrike with a full, centered first-strike brockage of the obverse design on the reverse face. Strong cupping would be expected to develop in the course of a single strike as a result of the double thickness involved (two planchets in the striking chamber at the same time). I see no evidence of more than one strike.”

To clarify the positions taken on what type of error this 1903(?) Morgan dollar had, we must know the difference between the two error types.

For a coin to be considered a die cap it must first adhere to the hammer die which can be either the obverse or reverse die and then be involved in the striking of another planchet or coin. Cupping of the die cap is normal since the die cap’s metal is thinned on each progressive strike and the excess metal is pushed upwards onto the die’s neck. If the die cap is not detected by the operator of the coin press, eventually the floor of the die cap will thin to a point that it will separate from the metal on the neck of the die, leaving only a ring as evidence that a die cap occurred.

Conversely a broadstrike is a coin that is struck out-of-collar and in which the design is complete on both faces. Most broadstrikes expand in the horizontal plane, but some will show cupping. Cupping can affect the entire perimeter of the coin or only part of the perimeter. Cupping is almost always toward the hammer die.

The cause of cupping is not entirely clear. Sometimes it's guided by a stiff collar that is just barely deployed above the level of the anvil die. But in many cases there is no source of physical guidance. However, the 1903 Morgan is a different type of cupped broadstrike due to another element being mixed in.

Since the 1903 Morgan dollar has a brockage, another coin was involved during the strike. A normal in-collar first strike brockage is the same size as the raised design it is derived from. The brockage that appears on this Morgan is already expanded further than the normal brockage, but this is to be expected if both discs are struck outside the collar. In such a situation the double thickness involved in the initial strike would be expected to cause massive expansion and significant cupping of the top coin.

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The image to the left shows a “normal” early stage brockage of the reverse on an Indian Head cent.

Mike Diamond further stated that “in view of the fact that the brockage is clear throughout, it seems evident that it never struck a fresh planchet and was probably struck only once. If this were a die cap and if this had struck a second planchet, the center of the brockage would be much more expanded than the periphery and would be less distinct. The obverse face of the Weinberg’s dollar shows a ‘slide zone’ with radial striations that are uninterrupted. This is also consistent with a single strike. Multiple strikes often leave concentric strike lines”.

The images above show a 1996 Lincoln cent in the form of an obverse (hammer) die cap.

This cap had struck at least a few planchets and was producing mid-stage brockages when it fell off the die face.



Whether this 1903 Morgan turns out to be one type of error over the other is not of the utmost importance. What is of importance is that a superb error has been uncovered, one that will be marveled at for a long, long time. And the rather unique story involved in its discovery again proves that the proverb “good things come to those who wait” is at times exceedingly true.

The reverse is a brockage and thus has no mintmark. This makes it virtually impossible to tell which mint struck the coin.

My thanks go to Fred Weinberg and Mike Diamond for technical assistance and permission given to do this story.

Images of the 1903 Morgan dollar are courtesy of Fred Weinberg.

Images of the Indian Head cent brockage and the die cap Lincoln cent are courtesy of www.error-ref.com.

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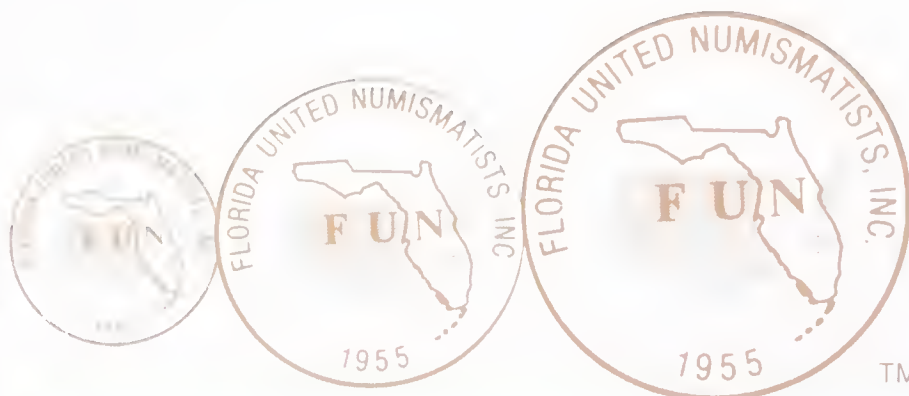
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